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EX-GOV. W.O. BRADLEY ENTERS THE CAMPAIGN

The Old Warrior Addresses a Monster Meeting in the Louisville Auditorium in Behalf of Civil Liberty and Popular Government.

Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, who has thing transpired in the Democratic on law business, and has returned home tion. For more than thirty years it delivered his first address in the Audi- and like all other parties so situated torium in Louisville on Monday night it became negligent and corrupt and to one of the greatest audiences ever finally the flight of Tate in 1888, with assembled in the Falls City. The morethan \$200,000 of the State's money, speech was a masterly review of the aroused the people and gave force to Republican administration of affairs the movement which afterward culin Kentucky and the Nation and a pow- minated in Republican success. As erful arraignment of the Goebel-Beck- time passed on the heresy of free silham Democracy and its Saturnalia of ver found its way into the Democratic lawlessness. The speech in full fol- party. This was the cause in 1895 and

GOV. BRADLEY'S SPEECH.

We stand upon the threshold of the most momentous campaign ever waged in Kentucky. A campaign which involves the financial and commercial prosperity as well as the honor of the nation. One that involves the prosof outlaws and assassins. If this be true it should be condemned by all honorable men; but if it be false and political slanderers are running over the State like so many ravening wolves or crawling over it like so many poisonous serpents, howling or hissing their foul abuse, then the sober thinking men of *the Commonwealth should by an avalanche of votes bury them from sight

The proper solution of these matters renders it necessary that we should recur to the history of the past. And before doing this you must allow me to commend the Courier-Journal's expression in an editorial of June 9 in which it was said:

"No Republican can read the Courier-Journal or less he be an intelligent man. Be he never so wedded to his Republicanism-and we not only respect differences of opinion, denounce the sumption that anybody

pon a higher prane.

THE DECLINE OF DEMOCRACY. his cause. Nearly all the wealth of the vanced by contractors for labor, the the State, undertook to block and delay State was in the hands of the Demo- General Assembly having refused to every measure which suggested imcratic party, whose leaders—Beck, Ste- appropriate a dollar for that purpose; provement or advancement, and to dog nominated upon a platform which gave and beyond our entire system of gov-Brown, Buckner, Durham and others lar of the floating indebtedness cover- ries.

vantages, after a long struggle, which had congratulated themselves on ob- it was stated that the lives of members at times seemed hopeless, in 1895 the taining 21/2 per cent premium on bonds were in danger from lawless men and Republicans carried the State by near- of the same amount. ly 9,000 plurality. This of itself is a Complaint has been made that sev- ed and refused to provide any protec-

been out of the State for two months party to cause this wonderful revoluto make a speaking tour of the State, held unlimited and continuous sway, 1896 of the defection of thousonds. It was succeeded by the passage of the Goebel law and the operations under it before the election in 1899, which caused the defection of thousands of others, and today all the great Democratic leaders are found fighting against the nominee of the new-fangled Democracy. These leaders organized the Democratic party after the perity of the State, and above all the liberty of its people. In such an hour it behooves us to investigate carefully the issues that confront us and, of whatever party, to cast our votes for the cause of right and justice. It has constantly been asserted by Démocratic speakers during this campaign that the Republican party is a party that the Republican party is a party of outlaws and assessing. If this be true. war, they won its victories, they prowith the Republican party furnishes convincing proof that that party is not composed of outlaws and assas-

The advocacy of dishonest money, the endorsement of anarchism, violations of the constitution in the passage of vicious legislation and the dis-

FOUR YEARS OF REPUBLICANISM. There was a time when the cry of but also stubborn loyalty to lifetime "nigger equality" was a sufficient anassociations-be he never so rank a swer to the strongest Republican arpartisan, he will know that we would, gument. But that time has fortunateand not less than one of his own news- ly passed and the calm and deliberate paper organs, spurn the ascription judgment of men now decides great isthat he does no. loathe murder as much sues that are presented. In 1895 the as we loathe and equally with him Republicans came into power. They found the State buildings out of reis responsible for the assassination of pair, the treasury comparatively empty, William Goebel except those who may a floating indebtedness which when be proved and found guilty of the mur- absorbed by warrants exceeded \$1,500,der. That much ought to go with- 000, a bonded indebtedness of more If all the Democratic speakers had al bonds, the credit of the State se- been an element in the Democratic taken this position in Kentucky the riously impaired, 500 idle men in the party, known today as the Beckham Decampaign would have been pitched penitentiaries, and the treasury unable mocracy, who felt that the State of to pay current expenses. Although Kentucky belonged to them by preopposed more or less during the time, scription by reason of their long actat the end of four years the outgoing ual, adverse and continuous possession, the past: The Re- Republican administration left all the and that it was nothing less than crimthis State was at public buildings, including penitentiar- inal for the Republicans to take conone time, comparatively speaking, but ies and asylums in repair, to which trol. a baker's dozen. It was confronted were added many substantial improveby all the prejudice growing out of the ments; the penitentiary convicts near- gracefully to the inevitable and as- law containing some good features, but war and the prejudice against the Ne- ly all employed; a splendid work shop sisting in adopting legislation for the not such a law as the times demanded, gro and those who undertook to plead at Eddyville erected with money ad- advancement of the best interests of was enacted. venson, Carlisle, Lindsay, Breckinridge, current indebtedness paid; every dol- every step of their successful adversawere the peers, if not the superiors, of ed by warrants paid or money on hand those in any other State of the Union. to pay it; sufficient money in the treas- a United States Senator they, without The Republicans had but one or two ury to pay \$500,000 of bonds issued by legal cause, expelled members of the terests of the State, gave Mr. McKinley the other must fall; and we are free to leaders of recognized experience. Their a previous Democratic administration; Senate and appointed assistant sergenerals were mostly young men un- Houses of Reform for the salvation geants-at-arms to remove them from used to public life and without expe- of the erring children of the State; the floor. You well remember the and the credit of the State better than reign of terror which was then inau-At one time the Democratic ma- ever before, having negotiated the gurated, resulting in affidavits being jority was in the neighborhood of 100,- sale of \$500,000 of ten-year bonds for filed by the Speakers of the two Houses 000 votes. But despite all these disad- 7.47 premium, while our predecessors and others with the Governor, in which



It No such trouble as this confronted the Upon the filing of these papers and longing to the school fund of 1896 and State. paid it on the indebtedness of 1895, to At that session the Legislature the extent of more than \$100,000.

time the charge was made!

BRUTE FORCE IN POLITICS.

From the time the Republicans came than \$600,000 aside from the education- into power in 1895 to this, there has

In 1896 when they were about to lose that the local civil authorities had failmost convincing argument that some-eral thousand dollars arising from tion. Not only this, but information Congress. Large Republican territory

has met with three defeats and in No- Republican party in 1895, for after pay- the reception of this information State in 1861, and had shown themselves willvember next will meet its Waterloo. ment of indebtedness no money could Guards were called out to protect the ing to again risk them in 1896. No stronger reason could be shown have been found anywhere with a public peace and the members of the to prove that the Democratic organiza- search warrant. It is true we found General Assembly. After the adjourntion of today does not deserve and will two turnpikes, which had been lost by ment of the Legislature it was openly not obtain success. And the fact our predecessors and dropped from the and boldly stated by one of those actnot pay a cent to State. It is charged the Governor the loved ones at home Democratic party of today has led to repetition of a Democratic precedent; Governor was denounced at the time,

> was earnestly besought by the I see the charge made in a Demo- Governor, to enact laws to precratic hand bill that money was paid vent mob violence, to save the credin November to the State Guard in it of the State by providing for the Louisville when no order had been payment of Democratic indebtedness. the Executive department will show the prosperity of the Commonwealth in mate leadership, inflexibility of purpose order and the reason for making it, many respects. This they indignantly at the head of this movement. The miaccomplishing anything.

In consequence of this open sympathy with mobs the spirit increased a the State into national disrepute. The credit of the State continued to go bought as cheaply as 25 per cent discount ,and the failure of the General Assembly made it imperatively necessary in 1897 for the Governor to reconvene it, at an expense of \$70,000, to do the very things it refused to do in 1896. At this session payment of the These gentiemen, instead of yielding State debt was provided for and a mob

In 1896, came the election for President. Meanwhile Mr. Bryan had been partisanship-it is bound to be an ining was more natural than this, and it will be Democracy. nothing less was expected by the intelligent public who knew the condition of sary, but political parties must mean

INFAMOUS GERRYMANDERING.

less of population and small territory, regardless of population, into Democratic districts. In one instance four one Representative in the Legislature, Republican party, or the Populis of which was done in violato support both of these instruments. The Eleventh Congressional District, as originally constituted, was Democratic by from 1,500 to 2,000. It was created for this Union have yet given any sign the benefit of Gen. Wolford, who was elected by the Democrats to Congress. counties to and took Democratic counties from the Eleventh. Finally, it was determined to place all or nearly all the contiguous Republican counties in that district to prevent Republican success elsewhere, and tonight it conarea more than twice as large as the States of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. The continued utter disregar additions from time to time of Republican counties to that district increased whether many of its members knew expressed that it should be blown to Hades. In that territory, regardless they did for the observance also, no contest was made or dreamed of because it was well known that the result was both natural and proper.

GOEBEL FORCE BILL CONCEIVED. In 1897 Shackleford was nominated by law giving a commission the right to the Democrats for Clerk of the Court of fix freights of railroads finally, allowing Appeals, and owing to Republican quar- the roads no appeal and leaving them rels and a partial restoration of harmony in the Democratic party, carried the State by a plurality of tutionality of the measure. They passmore than 18,000. Unfortunately, at the ed a bill, in open antagonism to the same election an overwhelming Demo-cratic majority was elected to both Congress, by which they undertook to Houses of the General Assembly. Such a Legislature never assembled before, but bad as it was, it was succeeded by a worse. In the meanwhile, from 1895 to 1897 it had been depondent at the state in open violation of the state in open violation. tunes for what they believed to be right

In 1897 Democratic County Judges were elected in Jefferson, Kenton, Campbell and in every county contain ing a city except Christian, the Republicans only electing 40 of the 119 County that these great leaders are today assets of the sinking fund for many ively engaged in this conduct, Judges of the State. These Judges had years, during all which time they did that had it not been for the action of the power under the old law to appoint all the election officers of the Commonwealth. But notwithstanding this fact which properly went to the common sheets from the concealed faces of men risk another contest before the people. school fund of 1900, were paid on the at the capital and said "How natural They knew that they did not deserve indebtedness of 1899, to the extent of he looks." For this preservation of had come into control of the party which more than \$100,000. This may be the public peace; this saving the State once counted its majority nearly 100,000 true, but if it is, its worst feature will from the disgrace of rlot and murder, and which then had three-fourths of franchisement of the people by the be found in the fact that it was the this enforcement of law and order, the the election machinery in its hands, were unwilling to go before the people under the old law. Hence, the desertion of the great leaders of that party having before it went out but is now sustained by the entire law began for the first time the cry of fraud of power in 185 taken revenue be- abiding element of every party in the against a party which had struggled from 39,000 to 227,000 voters in the State, notwithstanding three-fourths of the control of the Democrats. It was therefore announced that an election law was necessary to prevent the Republiwaters, although in the stream below and unbending partisanship was placed ed. A veto was interposed which was voting against the ticket than struck down local self-government, law which was in open viountil the celebrated turnpike raids and lation of the constitution; a law which the mobs in Western Kentucky brought delivered the people of the State bound hand and foot into the hands of the State Election Commissioners, all of whom were members of the same podown until claims against it were litical party. Of this measure and attendant circumstances The Courier-

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COURIER-JOURNAL. "It is idle to plead that reputable men san oligarchy. They cannot change its must inevitably draw them down. is not of material moment who is on this people; it has engendered whose acts it rules; it is a creature of ernment. strument of partisanship; it is outside promise of financial disaster and threat- ernment, as devised and handed down gard of the rights of the people are conened danger to the best interests of the by the fathers, who never dreamed of fined to the Beckham Democracy of the republic. The city of Louisville, in such an anomalous structure of auto- State. which were centered to a large extent cracy in the scheme of Democracy. It a majority of more than 12,000. Noth- say in Kentucky yet we do not believe "Political parties are useful and neces

more than a piratical raid upon office. Political parties in a republic cannot exist by the enslavement of the people. During all these years of Democratic When they attempt it they will be swept supremacy in Kentucky, from time to from the earth as tinder before a contime, a villainous system of gerrymandering was resorted to, by which the
Republicans were substantially deprived
of representation in both Houses of the
General Assembly, on the bench and in

was combined into one district regard- identifies itself with Goebelism. Legislature that has just died in ignominy has done all it could to send the cratic districts. In one instance four Democratic party to the same dishonest Republican counties were allowed only grave. If the Democratic party, or the or any other party shall make this Goetion of the constitution of the State and bel conspiracy its own-it brings upon part of it in violation of the constitution itself its own destruction, or the peotion of the United States; and this, too, although every member of the different of the right of self-government which Legislatures had taken a solemn oath they will have surrendered. And that they have sunk to such depths of degradation the people of Kentucky nor the people of any other Commonwealth in

"Unparalleled as is the record which the Legislature leaves, it would have But after the Republicans carried that been worse had not there been in the and the Third, Ninth and Tenth Dis- Executive chair a Governor vigilant to tricts, it became necessary to make some see his duty and courageous to do it. changes to prevent another Republican He was powerless for much good, but success, and the law-abiding and God- he was able to do the State some serfearing Democratic statesmen of Ken- vice, and he was ever willing to do it. tucky got together and redistricted the For this he will have the thanks of pa-State and in doing so added Republican triotic Kentuckians, whatever be their party."

CONTINUAL DISREGARD OF LAW. Under this law the Democratic party had absolute control of every county in Kentucky and in many instances even tains nineteen counties. with an minority representation was denied the

That General Assembly displayed an utter disregard for the constitution; indeed, it has been seriously doubted the Republican majority from time to there was such an instrument, time, and for this shameful offense that and it is agreed by all, or nearly all district is denounced and a wish who understand it, that they cared no for its observance than more of party, is embraced a brave, hardy an axiom laid down in the and patriotic people, not one of whom Farmers' Almanac. In bold defiance of the has ever been known to steal an office. National Constitution they enacted a But while the majority was large in law to regulate commerce among the that district in 1896, and in Louisville States, which undertook to regulate the publication of dispatches collected at the expense of the Associated Press. They passed a bill to relieve one newspaper in the State from the law which governed all the others. They enacted a

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GOEBEL LAW LAST YEAR. But the most reprehensible conduct of all was the enforcement of the election law in 1899. Need I tell you how that law, bad as it was in letter, was made infinitely worse in enforcement Young, aggressive men were appointed officers of the election on the Demothat the revenues collected in 1899, would have calmly turned down the Democratic politicians were unwilling to cratic side; old men, feeble in mind or body, frequently of bad character, were appointed, over the protest of Republican committees, for the Republicans. Inspectors in many localities were not allowed to enter the booths and witness the count of the votes; ballots were intentionally and fraudulently marked by Democratic officers so as to afford an excuse for throwing them out. Men in the Republican party who were not able to read or write were appointed officers against the objection of the Republicans and in open defiance of law; election machinery had been under the Intimidation by policemen, roughs or bullies was common in many calities; unnecessary and practiced dewas resorted to, so cans from stealing the State. This was thousands were prevented from voting; another case of the lamb muddying the but despite all this, notwithstanding they were deprived of 40,000 votes, the made calling them out. The record of and advance the material good and the wolf. Senator Goebel with consum- Republicans were successful by more than 2,300. This was a stunning blow to the Democrats. The margin of disfranchisement agreed on was not suffiand this fact was well known at the declined to do and adjourned without nority made a manly struggle but fail. ciently large; there were more persons overriden and the law enacted which pected; the machinery had not been fully operated. So that, when they recovered from their astonishment, these defeated statesmen suddenly discovered that they had been defrauded and began the cry of fraud, tissue ballots, military inteference, intimidation ten thousand bold bad Democrats in Louisville because 200 soldiers placed in the armory, out of sight and hearing of the voters to preserve the peace. To all fair minded men these claims were known to be false and appeared ridiculous. But the leaders met and determined that "ignorant niggers" and "white mountaineers" should not have been put at the head of this parti- rule, and a contest was launched which has brought more discredit on the State character; they cannot lift it up; it than any other one thing in all its board. It is wholly a partisan board; it terness among families and friends; it is wholly irresponsible to the people has shaken the very foundation of gov-

Up to this time, covering a period of four years, all the violations of law, all the revolutionary actions, all the disre-

TROOPS IN LOUISVILLE. But two grounds of contest were One the interference of the nilitia in Louisville, the other the use of thin ballots in the mountains. Each of these grounds was without merit and both were resorted to as cloal cuses for escaping the verdict people and purloining the officer

As to the charge of the military. A thoughtless ma.